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TAGS: AORG, BIE

SUBJECT: BIE DRAFT PERSONNEL REGULATIONS

REF: PARIS 28027; STATE 215937

1. DEPARTMENT IS NOT UNAWARE THAT BIE HAS A SMALL 4-PERSON STAFF AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE PERSONNEL POLICIES OF MUCH LARGER ORGANIZATIONS.

2. HOWEVER, BIE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ENTITLED TO PICK AND CHOOSE THE MOST LIBERAL PROVISIONS FROM THE REGULATIONS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN PRESCRIBING ITS STAFF RULES.

3. BIE SHOULD EITHER: (1) FOLLOW LOCAL FRENCH PRACTICE; OR (2) FOLLOW THE PRACTICES OF ANY OTHER (BUT ONLY ONE) INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

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4. IN VIEW OF FRANCE'S STRONG POSITION WITHIN GENEVA
GROUP IN FAVOR OF GETTING A HOLD ON RUN-AWAY BUDGETS OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - IN LARGE MEASURE CAUSED BY
EXTREMELY LIBERAL PERSONNEL BENEFITS AND HIGH SALARIES -

EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE FRENCH
OFFICIALS ABOUT COORDINATING AN APPROACH FOR WEDNESDAY'S
MEETING. NO DOUBT GOF RESOURCES IN EXPOSING THE FULL
SITUATION BEHIND THE SYG'S RESPONSES TO OUR CABLE ARE
GREATER THAN OUR OWN. KISSINGER

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